

## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## VACANT FIELD TRANSFORMED INTO A BEAUTIFUL PARK: County Parks and Recreation Officially Opens Lamar Park in East County

Who/What:

County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Dianne Jacob, officials from the County Department of Parks and Recreation and Spring Valley residents will celebrate the official grand opening of an important East County site, Lamar County Park. Once home to the Kumeyaay Indians and a former Californio Rancho, this parcel of land has historically been an integral part of the Spring Valley community. It is believed to have been the site of the first Spring Valley school and still contains one of the largest olive groves in Southern California.

Most recently this land was a vacant field but has since been transformed by County Parks and Recreation into a beautiful 9 acre community park that boasts walking paths, a playground, a picnic pavilion, picnic tables, barbeques and shade trees. Additional Lamar County Park developments are planned for phase 2 of the project.

When:

Wednesday, June 23

3:30 p.m.

Where:

Lamar County Park 3180 Bancroft Drive Spring Valley, CA 91977

Why:

San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation is dedicated to providing opportunities for high quality parks and recreation experiences for residents and visitors and to preserving regionally significant natural and cultural resources. For more information on County Parks and Parks programs visit www.sdparks.org.

